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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 09/863,442

Examiner: Elkassabgi, Heba

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Docket No.: 109611

For: BLOWER FOR USE IN OFFICE AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

✓ IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title so that it reads as follows:

BLOWER FOR USE IN OFFICE AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT

✓ IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Claims 1, 3 and 5 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

2. (Amended) A blower, comprising:

a bearing disposed at the center of a casing of an approximately cylindrical shape;

a shaft supported by the bearing;

a motor yoke which is mounted on the shaft and has an impeller at an outer periphery thereof and a permanent magnet at an inner periphery thereof;

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